

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 15 are pending in this patent application. Applicants now address each and every point raised in the above-identified Office action as follows:

Claims 1 to 15 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being allegedly unpatentable over claims 1 to 39 of U.S. Patent No. 6,615,935. Applicants enclose herewith a properly prepared and executed Terminal Disclaimer and respectfully request that the same be entered, that the rejection of the claims be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that claims 1 to 15 pending in this application be passed to allowance.

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

If any additional fees are necessary in this matter, please charge our Deposit Account No. 10-0440.

Respectfully submitted,

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